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The following is WWLP programming addressing Crime during the 2nd quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/01/09 5pm : 30

Three teenagers from the Eastern part of the state could face charges after a cell phone video showing two of them having sex was sent to other teens. Police say two students at a junior high in Holbrook were videotaped by a third student having sex. Police say the students in the video could face statutory rape charges while the students who received the clip could face child pornography charges. Police say the girl claims she didn't know she was being videotaped, and called them when she found out about it from other students.

News 04/02/09 11pm : 30

Springfield Narcotics Officers seized cash, crack and an automatic weapon during a drug bust in East Springfield today. Springfield Police Sgt John Delaney told 22News that officers arrested David Dykes after pulling him over in his car, and then arrested his girlfriend, Janet Andrews after they raided their house at 719 Berkshire Avenue. All tolled, police found more than 300 grams of crack cocaine, close to \$3,000 dollars in cash, 24 Oxycontin pills and a fully automatic SKS Chinese Model Assault Rifle. Sgt. Delaney said the assault rifle's been traced to a housebreak in East Longmeadow. Dykes and Andrews face several charges including trafficking crack cocaine, possession of Cocaine and Oxycontin with intent to distribute, and stolen firearms charges.

News 04/02/09 5pm : 30

A baystate Mom charged with stabbing her 2-year-old daughter with scissors and attempting to strangle the toddler with an electrical cord has been held without bail. 38 year old Susan Johnson was arraigned in Gardner District Court on numerous charges today. Police accuse Johnson of stabbing the child in the torso, neck and head in the laundry room of a Gardner apartment building late Wednesday. She did not live there. Police arrived at the scene to find Johnson being restrained on the floor by a security guard. The child was hospitalized and is in the custody of state child welfare officials.

News 04/03/09 11pm : 30

Two former Pittsfield men face dozens of federal charges. Michael Armitage and Christopher Wilson, and the company EV Worldwide LLC, were indicted for conspiracy, wire fraud, tax evasion and making false statements. US Attorney Michael Sullivan says between 2001 and 2006, Armitage schemed to defraud United Bank in West Springfield by applying for loans with fraudulent documents. The prosecutor also says the men used their company to scam the federal transit administration by submitting false invoices through the PVTa as part of a

federal grant to research electric buses. Sullivan says, if convicted, the men could face up to 20 years in prison.

News **04/03/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Chicopee police are investigating an apparent bank robbery on Burnett Road. It happened late this afternoon at the Chicopee Savings Bank Branch. Chicopee police are not releasing any details of the robbery at this time. Police are on the scene. The entrance and exits leading to the bank are blocked off, and at least one k-9 unit has been called in.

News **04/03/09** **6pm** **: 30**

There are allegations of illegal gambling in the Town of Southwick. According to a news release from Southwick Police, officers broke up 2 illegal poker games that were being held at Brew Too on Feeding Hills Road on Wednesday. Police allege 12 people were playing. The poker game equipment was seized by police. No decision yet if police will seek criminal complaints in the case.

News **04/04/09** **6am** **: 30**

We are following some breaking news this morning from Springfield where a shooting overnight leaves one person dead. Springfield Detective Bureau Commander Robert McFarlin told 22News that the shooting happened in the parking lot of 282 Locust Street on the corner of Darwell Street just before 3AM. McFarlin says the victim was a 29 year old Springfield man. He was shot during a confrontation on the street as a party was ending in a near by apartment. He was found in the parking lot of VJ's Auto Sales, he was transported to Baystate Medical Center and was pronounced dead upon arrival.

News **04/04/09** **6pm** **: 30**

More violence at 17 Kenwood Terrace in Springfield this morning, three fighting siblings leaving each other with serious stab wounds. 22News was on the scene as one brother was placed into the ambulance, stabbed in the leg. Police Captain Robert McFarlin told 22News that victim is also the assailant. The man was stabbed as his two brothers tried to fend him off. The other two were taken out of the second floor of the Forest Park home, with stab wounds to the chest.

News **04/06/09** **11pm** **: 30**

Yesterday's murder, followed by more violence this morning, three Springfield men were reportedly stabbed while trying to prevent their assailants from crashing a baby shower. Police Captain Robert McFarlin told 22News, after allegedly being turned away from the baby shower at 4AM, the men apparently kept their word to return to 142 Johnson Street with weapons. Captain McFarlin told 22News, three young men were stabbed on the front porch and they managed to bring themselves to Baystate and Mercy medical centers. The stabbing victims who are 19, 21 and 23, are all expected to recover from their wounds.

News

04/09/09

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A gruesome discovery in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, a power company worker found a decomposed body floating in a canal off the Chicopee River around 11:30AM this morning. Springfield Fire Department spokesman Dennis Leger told 22News the canal, which is near Front Street, had to be drained before divers could recover the body. Investigators said it appears the body has been in the water for a while.

News

04/10/09

11pm

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Hundreds of University of Hartford students on lockdown, a pair of armed robbers allegedly gave two residents the scare of their lives. This University of Hartford apartment complex is quiet now, but at around 6:15pm on Thursday, two male students who live in the Park River Apartments say they were fighting for their lives, hoping to get out of their own apartment without being hurt. As the perpetrators had entered, the students who were near the entrance were able to get out of the building, and alert a public safety officer. Hartford and campus police searched the entire building, and stopped every car as it left campus, but the two alleged perpetrators have not been identified. The Park River Apartments here at the University of Hartford were put on lockdown for about two and a half hours, a total of three text messages were sent to each student campus wide to keep them posted on the situation. No one was injured in the alleged armed robbery, in West Hartford. Hartford police are trying to find out what, if anything was taken from that apartment. No words yet on whether the two victims got a good look at the pair of alleged armed robbers.

News

04/11/09

6pm

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An early morning walk turns frightening for one Springfield man when he's held at gun-point and told to hand over his money. The suspect apparently still on the loose. Springfield Police Captain John Barbieri told 22News a 34 year old Springfield man was walking near 300 Belmont Avenue, when the suspect approached him with a gun. He grabbed the man's money and took off running. The suspect is described as a 5 foot 8 in. black man, in his early 20's. Last seen, wearing a red hooded sweat shirt, jeans, and a Cincinnati baseball cap. Call Springfield Police if you know information regarding this case.

News

04/12/09

11pm

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A heated police pursuit through three towns ends in a crash and armed arrest. Holyoke police trying to make a drug bust in South Holyoke were taken for a ride when their two suspects took off in a car, leading them on a chase through Chicopee and into South Hadley where the car crashed into a tree on Spring Street. 18 year old Brittany Hutchens of Vermont was arrested, but her partner in crime took off. And just hours later he was located back in Holyoke at Super 8 on Route 5, where Sgt. Isaiah Cruz says he was armed and dangerous. 22 year old Michael Francis of Vermont was arrested.

News

04/15/09

6am

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A Framingham police officer is recovering after being shot overnight. A news release from Massachusetts state police says Framingham officers were responding to the report of an armed robbery of a taxi cab driver by two males. When officers arrived, the suspects fled on foot. Officers were called in for backup. The suspects ran to a nearby market before firing shots at police.

News **04/15/09** **12pm** **: 30**

Four men from Springfield are under arrest after allegedly holding up a convenience store last night. Within hours West Springfield Police, working with Springfield detectives, nabbed the quartet of alleged thieves in West Springfield. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News the four suspects have been charged with armed robbery for last night's heist at the ARA convenience store on Parker Street near the intersection at Wilbraham road. The four suspects are 19 year old Michael Nolley, 19 year old Jibran Eubanks, 21 year old Karl Exantrus, and 19 year old Daquon Archie. All four have been charged with masked armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

News **04/16/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Police in Holyoke are putting a cap on crime. This week 70 alleged criminals were arrested in the city. Thirty law enforcement officers including local police, along with federal agents and state troopers combed the city for criminals in operation Take Back Our Streets, also known as TBOS. Police confiscated significant amounts of heroin, marijuana, crack and prescription drugs. They also issued over 115 moving violations.

News **04/17/09** **6am** **: 30**

An overnight shooting in Springfield puts the victim in the hospital. Springfield Police Lt. Norman Charest told 22News a man was shot in the leg in the area of Lionel Benoit Road shortly before 2:30am. Lt. Charest says it is a non-life threatening wound. Later in the morning police tried to pull over a car that was possibly involved in the shooting. The driver was arrested after a short foot pursuit with police near Allen Street and Island Pond Road. According to Lt. Charest a handgun and some crack was taken from the driver. It is unknown if this incident is connected to the shooting.

News **04/17/09** **5pm** **: 30**

A man wanted in connection with a taxi cab shooting in Springfield was arrested this morning in Amherst. 35 year old Leander Pridgett of Springfield was arrested around 7:30 this morning at the Village Park Apartments. According to an Amherst Police news release he was found hiding in a closet. Springfield police Sgt. John Delany told 22News Pridgett was wanted for a December 2008 shooting. Delany said Pridgett is accused of firing a shot into a cab after he and another man allegedly failed to pay their fare. The bullet missed the cab driver.

News

04/19/09

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A man is gunned down in the South End of Springfield overnight, leading to the sixth murder this year. Detectives are at 281 Dwight Street Extension where the man was shot and killed. 281 Dwight Street Ext., homicide, 3:41am shot spotter call. Officers were close to the scene for another call and heard the shots, they responded within seconds. They found the victim with a gunshot wound to the head. He was inside an apartment and was pronounced dead at the scene.

News

04/19/09

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Tempers flare at a Springfield birthday party and a gun battle leaves one man murdered. 44 year old Roberto Perez suffered deadly gunshot wounds overnight leading to the sixth murder this year. The 44 year old victim's body removed from a fourth floor apartment at 281 Dwight Street Extension. Shot in the head at a 4 year olds birthday party, with children all around. Partygoers and nearby tenants left scrambling to safety, a barrage of bullets early Sunday morning across the South End, where two crimes may be connected. Police initially responding to 16 Montpelier Street, the second floor for reports of shots being fired, only then, did they realize there was a second shooting only street's away and a man had been murdered. Three loaded guns and the murder weapon recovered. And the man who allegedly fired the fatal shot 20 year old Reynaldo Gonzalez of Springfield charged with murder. Another mother moved to Brooklyn after enduring five years of drugs and gangs here. Though there are others who have no choice but to endure it.

News

04/22/09

5pm

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A Springfield man faces kidnapping and numerous other charges in connection with a late night home invasion. 24 year old Samuel Ramos is accused of breaking into a home on White Street in Springfield around midnight. Springfield police Sgt. John Delany told 22News Ramos allegedly abducted a 28 year old man from the home at knifepoint. He then allegedly tried to force the victim to retrieve a wallet that was supposedly left at a friend's home on Forest Park Avenue. Delany told 22News Ramos was arrested after he allowed the victim to go into the friend's home to retrieve the money. And the victim called police.

News

04/23/09

5am

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A Springfield man is recovering this morning after being slashed with a machete. Springfield police were called to Baystate medical center just after midnight for the report of a serious assault. Lt. Trent Huffnagel of Springfield police told 22News the victim said he was at his ex-wife's house at 62 Redland Street when he got into a verbal altercation with another man. That second man allegedly began swinging a machete slicing the victim. Police have not made any arrests this morning the detective's bureau is now investigating.

News

04/24/09

5pm

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State Police have five suspects in custody in a reported "run and gun" incident that started in Chicopee and Ended in Holyoke. Sgt Alan Joubert, attached to the State Police Barracks in Springfield told 22News that some sort of fight that started near the end of I-291 in Chicopee prompting a pursuit involving two vehicles. Sgt Joubert said there were reports of shots fired during the chase. The chase wound through Chicopee West Springfield and into Holyoke. It ended when State & Holyoke Police stopped the vehicles on Route 5 South in front of the Stop & Shop Plaza. Five people were brought back to the State Police Barracks for questioning. At last report, State police were still trying to sort the situation out. There were no reports of injuries.

News **04/27/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Two brothers are the victims of a double shooting in Springfield early this morning. Springfield police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News police were called to Christy's Lounge on Main Street in Indian Orchard around 2:40 this morning. Delaney said 23 year old Michael Lowe was shot in his side and his leg and was taken to Baystate Medical Center; he is listed in good condition right now. Around the same time a second gunshot victim identified as his brother Christian Lowe was dropped off at the emergency room, he is also expected to recover. Delaney also told 22News that a fight broke out while officers were there.

News **04/27/09** **6pm** **: 30**

Two fugitives wanted for murder in Virginia, appeared in a Springfield courtroom today in connection with a shooting and robbery in the city last week. Springfield Police Detective Captain Robert McFarlin told 22News Adam Brewer and Evan Stephens are being held on \$250,000 bail on charges of armed robbery and assault and battery with a handgun. The charges stem from a robbery and shooting at a convenience store at Cooley & Allen Streets last Monday. McFarlin told 22News the men are facing murder charges in Hampton, Virginia. If they should make bail here, they will then be released to Virginia police.

News **04/28/09** **6pm** **: 30**

An elderly Chicopee man has been held without the right to bail after he was allegedly drunk when he slammed into a young motorcyclist. 20-year old Luis Rivera was struck at the corner of Chicopee and Clark streets around 7:30 last night he is still in critical condition. According to Captain William Jebb 70 year old James Beaudry was drunk when he cut off Rivera. Captain Jebb says this is Beaudry's fifth drunk driving offense. Beaudry was arraigned in Chicopee District Court today and will be back in court Friday for a dangerousness hearing.

News **04/29/09** **12pm** **: 30**

A robbery at a bank in Springfield forced several schools to prepare for a possible lock down. Shortly before 9 this morning, a man walked into the TD Banknorth branch on Sumner Avenue, handed the teller a note saying he was armed, and fled with an undetermined amount of money. Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, police began searching for a black male,

about 6'1 wearing a Yankees cap, gray hooded sweatshirt and baggy sweatpants. Police found the clothes dumped in an abandoned house on Grenada Terrace. At about 9:30, police apprehended a suspect who is currently in custody and being questioned, but has not been charged. Kensington, Holy Name, and White Street schools were told to prepare for a lock down during the search.

News **04/29/09** **5pm** **: 30**

We have a "Scam alert!" Don't respond to any telephone calls telling you your Credit Union ATM card's been compromised. 22News and Chicopee Police have received dozens of complaints about computer generated calls claiming to originate from the Polish National Credit Union. The computerized voice tells you your account's been compromised, and then gives you a number to call where someone asks for your information. Don't call that number! Don't give them any information! It's a scam that has nothing to do with Polish National Credit Union! If you did respond and have already provided sensitive data, call police and the credit reporting agencies immediately.

News **05/01/09** **5pm** **: 30**

A shooting causes chaos in one Springfield neighborhood today and sends a man to the hospital. It happened just before eleven this morning at 75 Bryant Street. Springfield Police found a man sitting in the driver's seat of his car with a bullet wound to the neck. Sergeant John Delaney says the 27 year old victim told officers, he was sitting in front of 52-54 Bryant Street when another man came out of the house and shot him. The victim took off and crashed his car into another vehicle. Sergeant Delaney believes the shooting is drug related. No arrests have been made. The victim is expected to be ok.

News **05/01/09** **6pm** **: 30**

A five-thousand dollar reward is being offered for information into last month's bank robbery in Chicopee. He's a white man with a medium build. He wore a blue hooded Champions jacket, gloves, sunglasses and mask. He showed a gun and robbed three tellers. The robber ran away. Chicopee Savings Bank is offering 5-thousand dollars for information that leads to the identification and arrest of this man. If you have any information, contact the Chicopee Police Detectives at 259 - 1732.

News **05/03/09** **11pm** **: 30**

A shoplifter allegedly armed with a knife, got violent trying to grab some goods. Springfield Police Lt. Robert Moynihan told 22News, the alleged shoplifter punched a security guard at the K-Mart store on Liberty Street. Police believe he was looking to steal MP3 players but he took off empty handed.

News **05/05/09** **5am** **: 30**

New this morning police in Springfield are searching for a suspect after an early morning shooting. Springfield police Lt. Norman Charest told 22News a man was found in the street near 102 Kenyon Street with gunshot wounds to his left leg and left arm. Lt. Charest says it appears the victim may have been shot while sitting in a car. He was taken to Baystate Medical Center and is expected to recover.

News **05/09/09** **6am** **: 30**

It was a violent night in Springfield with seven stabbings overnight. Police say all 7 stabbing victims are expected to make it. They come from three separate early morning incidents. The first happening at Mr. D's here on Main Street after police say, a bar brawl got out of control. Captain Eugene Dexheimer with the Springfield Police tells 22News that they were called to the bar a little after 1:30 in the morning. Four people were stabbed during the fight. One man, stabbed 7 times is in critical condition, but is expected to live. The three other victims are in much better condition. Police say they're still trying to piece together what happened. The second incident also on State Street and also stemming from a bar fight; sent two to the hospital with stab wounds. It happened at the Aquarius, the victims showing up in cars at Mercy Medical center with non life threatening injuries. Police say they're also investigating a third incident on State and Saint James Street after a man showed up with a non-life threatening stab wound to his chest. Captain Dexheimer says they haven't made any arrests connected to those stabbings yet that the large fights make investigating complicated.

News **05/12/09** **5pm** **: 30**

A search is underway for an inmate who escaped from a prison work crew in Springfield this morning. Hampden County House of Correction Spokesman Richard McCarthy told 22News that 25 year old Benjamin Carter of Springfield walked away from a restitution crew around 11:15 this morning. The crew was cleaning up an area of Riverfront Park near the Peter Pan Bus Station. McCarthy said Carter was serving a two year sentence for theft and he is not considered dangerous. Carter is described as 5 feet nine inches tall, and weighs 165 pounds. He was wearing a light green t-shirt, gray pants, black boots, and a Green Baseball cap. Anyone who may have seen him should contact police.

News **05/14/09** **5pm** **: 30**

An inmate who walked away from a prison work crew in Springfield this week is no longer on the Lam. Hampden County House of Correction Spokesman Richard McCarthy told 22News that 25 year old Benjamin Carter of Springfield was arrested at a residence in Shirley this morning. Carter apparently walked away from a work crew that was cleaning up an area of Riverfront Park near the Peter Pan Bus Station Tuesday. McCarthy said Carter was serving a two year sentence for theft. He now faces escape charges.

News **05/15/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Here's a story that's not so sweet, a thief hit two Dunkin' Donuts in Fall River but it's what she was wearing that makes the crimes so unusual. According to Fall River police, a woman dressed up as a Dunkin Donuts worker stole two purses at two different Dunkin Donuts locations. When one of the employees confronted the woman, she said that she was there to pick up coffee beans, but left with a lot more. The suspect is described as being in her late teens to early 20s.

News **05/16/09** **6am** **: 30**

A scary situation early this morning for two Wilbraham teens when they were robbed at gunpoint, the armed robbery happened at 155 East Longmeadow Road just after 1 this morning. Wilbraham Police Sgt. Timothy Kane told 22News that two teens were entering a car when two black males wearing masks pointed guns to the back of their heads. Sgt. Kane says that the suspects forced the victims back into the house that's when mom heard the commotion and turned on the lights. Sgt. Kane told 22News the suspects then ran out of the house and sped off in a silver car. They made off with money, a cell phone, and a 14 karat gold necklace.

News **05/19/09** **11pm** **: 30**

An Athol man is being held on a quarter million dollars bail tonight after being charged with child rape. Residents in Athol are shocked and disturbed by the news that their neighbor and some called "friend" is being charged with raping a two year old. 22 Year Old Christopher Mundell appeared in Orange District court Monday. He's arraigned on charges including aggravated rape of a child and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Athol Police Chief Timothy Anderson told 22News that Mundell rape a two and a half year old girl he was caring for and slashed her with a steak knife. The crime happened in this second floor main street apartment and local residents say they are simply shocked that such a heinous crime could happen in a small town like Athol. Friends of the victim's mother told 22News that Mundell was romantically involved with the toddler's mother. And it was the mother who discovered Mundell covered in blood when she returned home around 2am Monday morning. She then called 911.

News **05/19/09** **5am** **: 30**

Police in Springfield are investigating an overnight shooting. Springfield police Lt. Trent Huffnagel told 22News, police responded to a 911 call for a man shot around 11:40 last night. The 31 year old victim was found in the street by Bay and Brown streets suffering from a gunshot wound to his upper right leg. Lt. Huffnagel said the victim is being uncooperative with police at this time. The victim is expected to be ok.

News **05/19/09** **5pm** **: 30**

A man shot outside an entrance to a Harvard University dormitory has died. Middlesex District Attorney Spokesman Corey Welford said the man died early this morning. He was shot yesterday in the abdomen outside an undergraduate dorm. Harvard has said the man

was not a student at the university. In a statement, the school said the shooting appeared to be "isolated." No arrests had been made. Cambridge police are looking for several people they believe were involved.

News **05/22/09** **6pm** **: 30**

A Hampden woman is accused of trying to rob her former place of employment. It happened in Hampden this morning at the O'Connell's convenience plus gas station at 42 Somers Road. Hampden Police Chief Jeff Farnsworth said 26 year old Jennifer Roulier entered the store wearing a wig, sunglasses, and a bandanna over her face. He said she was holding a knife and handed the clerk a note demanding money. Another store employee managed to grab Roulier by the wig, the wig fell off, and she was identified as a former employee. A store customer helped detain the woman until police arrived. Jennifer Roulier is charged with armed robbery.

News **05/27/09** **6pm** **: 30**

A Springfield neighborhood took justice into their own hands after catching a man who allegedly was trying to lure young girls into his car. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney says officers were called to a large disturbance Friday night in the area of Bay and Marion Streets. There they discovered a large crowd gathered around 61 year-old Randolph Barden of Springfield, who was lying on the ground badly beaten. Delaney says when police searched Barden's Car; they found it "loaded" with candy. The Special Victims Unit interviewed four alleged victims, and Barden faces four counts of enticing a child under 16.

News **05/28/09** **12pm** **: 30**

The woman accused of attacking the Mayor of Agawam has been charged with assault and battery. At a show cause hearing to determine whether there was enough evidence against Celeste Benoit three witnesses testified for Mayor Susan Dawson. The witnesses said they saw Celeste Benoit grab the mayor by the head as she walked out of the bathroom at Max's Tavern, and throw her to the ground. They also reported they heard Benoit call the mayor a vulgar term. But both attorneys argue their client is the victim.

News **05/29/09** **11pm** **: 30**

In Springfield an early morning shooting rampage injured six people one of those is now dead and the man police now have in custody. Police arrested a man for allegedly going on a shooting rampage inside a city strip club. Five people were left with serious gunshot wounds, and one was stabbed twice. One of the victims died after taking bullets to the chest, abdomen and back. According to Captain Charles Arpin, head of the Springfield Detective Bureau, the lone gunman, 24 year old Marcus J. Blanton of 27 Hyde Avenue in Springfield has been charged with murder and many other charges. A 23 year old Springfield man died at Baystate Medical Center after being riddled with bullets inside Club 418 at 453 Worthington Street around 1:30 a.m. The Massachusetts State Police Community Action Team was patrolling the area of Worthington and Chestnut Streets when troopers spotted a

mass exodus at the strip club, and went to investigate. Soon they found six victims of violence and quickly nabbed the alleged shooter on scene. According to Captain Arpin, detectives believe Blanton opened fire near the bathroom at the club with a high capacity semi-automatic pistol. Two guns were recovered on the scene. The other shooting and stabbing victims are believed to have suffered serious, but non-life threatening injuries and have been hospitalized. At this point, a motive is unclear. Police aren't releasing the identity of the seventh murder victim of the year, until next of kin has been notified.

News **06/03/09** **11pm** **: 30**

A driver avoiding a traffic stop caused quite a disturbance in an East Springfield neighborhood tonight. Springfield Police Captain C. Lee Bennett told 22News a man driver avoided police after being stopped for driving without a license at Page Boulevard and East Street. He didn't get very far, officers caught up with him only a few blocks away catching him quickly after he abandoned his car and tried to flee on foot.

News **06/03/09** **5pm** **: 30**

A Northampton man is being held on 2.5 million dollars bail in connection with a bank robbery in Connecticut. 43-year-old Brendan McGarrett was arrested yesterday on charges stemming from a bank robbery in Bristol earlier that morning. Farmington police Lieutenant William Tyler said McGarret and another man were involved in a police chase and shots were fired. The second suspect, 34-year-old Richard Gordon of Winthrop was arrested last night in Farmington.

News **06/04/09** **5pm** **: 30**

The search for a woman who allegedly abandoned her newborn baby in a West Springfield motel room is over. According to Sergeant Jeff Howell of the West Springfield Police Department, 37 year old Tara Anderson was arrested around 9:30 this morning on Appleton Street in Holyoke. Anderson is facing charges of infant abandonment and reckless endangerment of a child. Police believe Anderson abandoned her newborn baby, umbilical cord still attached at the Welcome Inn over the weekend. The baby was taken to the hospital and is now in the custody of the state Department of Children and Families. After her arrest, Anderson was taken to the West Springfield Police Department. She's expected to be arraigned at a later date.

News **06/05/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Police released this photo of a suspect wanted in connection with a brutal baseball bat attack. According to a Springfield police department news release a warrant has been issued for the arrest of 27 year old Duran Alexander of Springfield. He was last seen driving a tan colored S-U-V without state plates. He's also considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with any information about his whereabouts is asked to call the Springfield Police Department at 787-6355.

News

06/07/09

6pm

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A Holyoke woman survives a vicious hammer attack early this morning while she slept. A nightmarish attack on a Holyoke woman is raising concern in her neighborhood. Holyoke police Sgt. Larry Cournoyer told 22News around 4:30 Sunday morning at 302 Chestnut Street a man broke into a 25 year old woman's apartment while she was sleeping. He then allegedly hit her on the head with a hammer and nicked her in the cheek with a knife. According to Sgt. Cournoyer, neighbors heard screaming and called the police; while the suspect ran away. The woman was brought to Holyoke Hospital, where she is being treated for non life threatening wounds. The suspect has been identified as 22 year old Oscar Guzman, described by Sgt. Cournoyer a former boyfriend of the victim. Cournoyer told 22News officers caught Guzman and brought some serious charges against him. The alleged former boyfriend, who reportedly lives a few doors away from the victim, has been charged with attempted murder along with home invasion and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He'll be in Holyoke district court Monday morning.

News

06/08/09

11pm

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New Haven police are looking for a Mercedes Benz they say was involved in a hit-and-run accident that killed an 18-month old. Police say the dark Mercedes ran a stop sign and struck an SUV carrying the toddler and three other people last night at the intersection of Division and Mansfield Streets. The SUV flipped onto its roof and collided with a parked car. Police say the Mercedes, believed to be a two-door model from the late 1990s, took off traveling north on Mansfield.

News

06/09/09

5:30pm

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Prosecutors say two men murdered a suspected drug dealer to avoid paying a debt and then dismembered and cooked his remains. Daniel Bradley and Paul Moccia pleaded not guilty to the murder of Angel Antonio Ramirez of Framingham. The pair allegedly owed Ramirez \$70 thousand dollars. Bradley and Moccia are being held without bail at Wrentham District Court.

News

06/10/09

5pm

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A Springfield man is one of two Baystate men now officially charged with robbing a Connecticut bank, leading to a police chase and shots fired. Forty-four-year-old Brendan McGarrett, of Springfield and 35-year-old Richard Gordon of Winthrop have both been charged with first-degree robbery, first-degree larceny and conspiracy. Both were ordered held on \$2 million bond in connection with the June 2nd bank heist in Bristol.

News

06/10/09

6pm

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Springfield police are trying to determine whether last night's convenience store burglary is linked to other recent breaks. The break in happened around 3:10 this morning at the Tedeschi Food Mart at 266 Belmont Ave, police have arrested three suspects. Sergeant John Delaney told 22News that the suspects allegedly smashed the front window to get

inside. Two witnesses saw the robbers leave and provided a description of the suspects and the getaway car which led police to the three suspects. Delaney also told 22News that there was blood left at the scene, which has been matched with one of the suspects. Also, the car contained burglary tools. There are currently charges pending that could connect these suspects to another break in at an F.L. Roberts on Allen Street.

News **06/11/09** **5pm** **: 30**

New from the overnight, police in Springfield are searching for suspects in a home invasion that sent one man to the hospital. Springfield police captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News, three masked men carrying guns entered a home at 583 Armory Street around 11 last night. The owner of the home was shot in the right knee and also struck several times with a hammer. He was transported to Baystate medical center where he is expected to be ok. No arrests have been made; the detective bureau is now investigating.

News **06/12/09** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police are looking for a car-jacking suspect. Springfield Police Lt Robert Strempek told 22News a gunman forced his way into a car at Century Plaza in West Springfield, and made the driver take him across the bridge to Springfield. The car crashed in Mason Square near Buckingham and Clarendon Streets. The victim got away, and police are searching for the gunman right now.

News **06/12/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Brazen thieves hit a Springfield jewelry store in broad daylight. It happened around 9 this morning at Robbins Jewelers. That's at 6 Commonwealth Avenue near the "X" in Forest Park. Sergeant John Delaney says the owner, 53-year old Mark Robbins got pistol-whipped when he tried to fight the 3 robbers. They allegedly took a large amount of cash and a tray of jewelry. Robbins told police the three Black men took off in a White Jeep Cherokee. If you have any information on this robbery you can call the Springfield Police Detective Bureau at 787-6355.

News **06/14/09** **9am** **: 30**

Springfield police are looking for two suspects after a robbery at a convenience store just a short time ago. Springfield Police Sargeant Sean Arpin told 22News a Hispanic male and a Hispanic female entered the Cumberland Farms at 514 Belmont Avenue to use the A-T-M. The male later re-entered the store and implied he had a gun robbing the clerk of an undisclosed amount of cash. The two then fled west on Sumner Avenue in a light green or light blue vehicle.

News **06/15/09** **12pm** **: 30**

A Springfield police officer pleaded not guilty in court today to domestic assault charges after allegedly getting physical with his daughter. Police say he was just trying to stop her from joining a gang. Sgt. John Delaney told 22News. Officer Jose Diaz was arrested Friday afternoon at his Springfield home. The arrest stems from a domestic argument Diaz reportedly had with his teenage daughter. Delaney said her father believed the 19 year old was going to join a gang. An argument escalated between the two and she suffered minor bumps and bruises. Officer Diaz has surrendered his fire arm and an internal investigation is underway. He has been released on his own recognizance.

News **06/16/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Police say they wrestled an armed and dangerous man to the ground this morning after he allegedly threatened to kill his girlfriend. 21 year old Jotson Rosado was taken into custody on High Street around 7 this morning. Sgt. John Delaney said the man pointed a gun at his girlfriend during a fight on Lowell Street. When he took off, officers spotted him, and after a brief chase took him into custody. Rosado was booked on a slew of charges including assault and battery on a police officer.

News **06/19/09** **5pm** **: 30**

A routine call for a Springfield veteran police officer took an unexpected turn when the suspect allegedly wrestled him down a flight of stairs. 22News cameras were rolling as the suspect was taken into custody at 197 Belmont Avenue. Minutes before, Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, 20 year old Jovan Dancy had just violated a restraining order. Officers were escorting Dancy out of the apartment when he allegedly fought back, sending the two down a flight of stairs. Officer Steven Marangoudakis was knocked unconscious. He was taken to Baystate Medical Center. Meantime Dancy was taken to Mercy Medical Center and is facing several charges.

News **06/20/09** **6am** **: 30**

A scary situation for a three year old after two armed, masked men stormed into her Springfield home overnight. It happened just after midnight at Wrentham Road. Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News that two black males wearing masks kicked in the front door looking for a particular person. Both had weapons, one had a hand gun and the other had a shotgun. Capt. Dexheimer told 22News a man and a three year old child were home at the time both were unharmed. The suspects fled from the home a short time later.

News **06/20/09** **6am** **: 30**

State and local police chased down a suspect early this morning on Wilbraham Road in Springfield. Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News one person was arrested with a handgun. Capt. Dexheimer said the suspect was wanted for shooting at a taxi cab near Mass Mutual.

News **06/21/09** **9am** **: 30**

Springfield police are looking for leads after a man was mysteriously shot in the leg in the area of Lexington Street just before 1:30 this morning. Lt. Norman Charest told 22News, the gunshot victim was driven to Baystate Medical Center for treatment but is being uncooperative. He's expected to be okay.

News **06/21/09** **9am** **: 30**

A domestic dispute turned deadly in the middle of a busy Springfield intersection today. Police are searching for the woman who allegedly hit her boyfriend with her car and left him for dead on State Street. A middle aged man killed in the middle of State and Hancock Streets by his girlfriend after a domestic dispute. Police say the two had a history of domestic violence and when the victim reached his hand inside of the car, the driver got spooked taking off, while dragging the suspect and leaving him for dead in the middle of the road. Police spent much of the morning documenting the crash scene and looking for the driver. The Springfield man later died from massive head injuries at the hospital. Police have released a description of the car the woman was driving. The van is either gold or brown and is about ten years old, and was driven by a woman in her 60's. If you have any information, you're asked to call the traffic bureau at 787-6333.

News **06/22/09** **11pm** **: 30**

We have new details tonight about the mid-day shooting in Holyoke that terrified dozens of witnesses. The case has turned into a murder investigation. Holyoke Police Captain Arthur Monfette, says that the 43 year old victim has died after being shot in the stomach. The shooting happened here on the corner of Oliver Street and Lyman Terrace just after one this afternoon. Captain Monfette says Fernandez died at about five-o'clock this evening at Baystate Medical Center. Lt. Denise Duguay told 22News the victim claims he couldn't identify the alleged assailant. Neighborhood residents say they're frightened by the violence.

News **06/22/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield police arrest a city man for trying to steal more than 200-dollars worth of DVD's from a video store. Police arrested 26 year-old Joseph Frogameni this afternoon after he ran out of the Blockbuster store on Wilbraham Road carrying dozens of Blue Ray DVD's. Springfield Police Sargeant John Delaney told 22News, Frogameni quickly got into a car that was waiting for him. Then one officer had to bust the passenger-side window to get him out of that car. One eyewitness was surprised by the incident.

News **06/23/09** **6pm** **: 30**

A Holyoke man is being held without right to bail in connection with that city's first murder of the year. Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News that 38 year old Braulio Maysonet-Mateo of Holyoke was arrested just after nine last night at the intersection of Fisk Avenue and Abbe Road in Springfield. He was arraigned in Holyoke this morning on 5

counts, including Murder and Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Maysonet-Mateo is suspected of fatally shooting 43 year old Luis Fernandez on Sunday.

News **06/24/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

An Eastern Massachusetts high school swimming coach has denied child pornography charges. Prosecutors say 38 year-old Timothy Kelly of North Attleborough had sexually-explicit images of children on his computer as well as on DVD's in his apartment. Kelly was the swim coach at North Attleborough High School and taught swimming at the Attleboro YMCA and a private swim club. He has been released on \$75 thousand dollars bail. Prosecutors say there's no evidence any local children were harmed.

News **06/26/09** **11pm** **: 30**

A father's day beating in Worcester has renewed a push for the death penalty here in Massachusetts. Last Sunday, Leslie Schuler allegedly beat his 7 year old son to the point where he was declared "clinically dead." A court ordered the boy removed from life support and his father is being charged with murder. Now some lawmakers want to bring back the death penalty for extreme cases like this one. Western Massachusetts is outraged by this crime.

News **06/26/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Last night Springfield's ninth murder of the year was committed on Woodside Terrace in the City's South End. People we spoke with said they do feel safe in their homes but they also try to steer clear of trouble. But not everybody steered clear of trouble last night. Springfield Police Officer Charlie Youmans told 22News that around 7:15 Thursday night a man was stabbed inside 183 Woodside Terrace in the South End. The stabbing was the result of a fight that unfortunately turned into a murder. Now, 39 year old Napoleon Sivley is being charged with that murder. Now while people said that they feel safe in this area they admitted it was still a tough neighborhood.

News **06/27/09** **5pm** **: 30**

New this morning, a man was attacked in South Holyoke this morning the weapon of choice a golf club not a gun. Holyoke Police Sergeant Steve Loftus told 22News a man was hit with what appeared to be a golf club near the intersection of Hamilton and South Bridge streets. The victim was found unconscious when police arrived.

News **06/30/09** **11pm** **: 30**

There's breaking news out of Agawam, where a police pursuit ended in a crash at the Route 57 rotary. The driver of a Mazda Miata was injured in the crash, and the Agawam Police requested the State Police accident reconstruction team to investigate. Police were diverting traffic around the accident scene under the route five overpasses, at the Agawam Rotary. State Trooper Jonathan Bray told 22News the car initially refused to stop for a State Police

cruiser at about 8:30 tonight. The car drove off Route 57 which is where Agawam police picked up the pursuit. The chase wound its way back to 57, ending with the crash under the bridge. No word on the extent of the injuries. The driver was taken to Baystate medical Center.

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A case of alleged animal cruelty in the Hampshire county town of Plainfield, several dead cows were found in a barn this afternoon. There has been a disturbing report of animal cruelty at a Plainfield farm. Officer Stacey Magdycz of Plainfield Police Department told 22News at about approximately 4:30 Monday afternoon a 911 call had been placed after a car hit a cow that had made its way into the street. The cow then took off down the street to the barn on the corner of Pleasant Street and South Central Street. Animal Control then went down to the barn to find the injured cow when they smelled an awful odor and spotted many flies. Inside the barn, they found five dead cows, seven cows that were alive but possibly malnourished, and one calf. The farm was once a working milk farm and was passed from a father to his son Eugene Thatcher. The cows that are alive presently will be taken to a Boston area rehab facility so they might recover. Eugene Thatcher told Officer Magdycz he was working on getting the farm running again but was facing some difficulties in doing so. Police do not know if he will be charged.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Education during the 2nd quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/01/09 12pm : 30

College admissions driven by competition are marred by finances where in-state students want in, but Universities want out-of-state students. Out-of-state students fork over almost \$30,000 a year to earn a degree from the University of Massachusetts. And the University mutually benefits by accepting out-of-state applicants. Financial benefit, out-of-state higher rates goes back to university to help everybody. UMASS Spokesperson Ed Blagauzeski says that's 80% of the student body on the Amherst campus. In this economy, Admissions is flooded with 30,000 applications this year, a smaller number of out-of-state prospects vying for one of just 4,000 spots, and an added appeal to UMASS, its ranked 5th in the nation for students graduating with the least amount of debt.

News 04/02/09 11pm : 30

Welcome news for college students struggling to fund their education. Officials say \$300,000,000 in student loans is now available for next year's crop of college students in Massachusetts. Governor Patrick announced that students can begin applying for low-cost, fixed-rate loans from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority. Some local college students told 22News they'll take whatever financial help they can get.

News 04/08/09 5pm : 30

Fighting for funding, today Western Massachusetts students traveled to Boston to lobby lawmakers for more money for public colleges. More money for higher education not bankrupt corporations, that was one of the many chants heard in Boston today by fed up colleges students and educators looking to the legislature for more funding. These higher education advocates call themselves "Phenom" a group trying to help support affordable learning. About three hundred supporters chanting in Boston Common Wednesday letting their lawmakers know just up the hill inside the state house that they need more funding for public colleges. They are asking for about 14 million dollars to help pay for more financial aid seeing that more families are sending their children to public not private colleges due to the economy.

News 04/08/09 6pm : 30

Parents in Ludlow have strong opinions about a plan designed to save the Ludlow school district money. Local moms and dads are concerned about the Superintendent's proposal to have elementary school students funnel through three different schools before they step-up to middle school.

News**04/10/09****1pm****: 30**

Some local students will be getting an education upgrade thanks to the President's stimulus plan. Holyoke and Springfield are among the 258 school districts in Massachusetts getting some cash. Governor Deval Patrick says \$163 million dollars will go to high-poverty schools. The Holyoke school district will get \$3,000,000 in July and some more money in the fall. Springfield schools are cashing in too they're set to receive \$8.6 million dollars.

News**04/17/09****11pm****: 30**

"Staying put" helps boost student's MCAS scores. A Holyoke Public School study reveals students who spend more time in the district performed significantly better on tests than those who've moved around. This study found MCAS scores are better among students who'd been in the district at least five years.

News**04/17/09****11pm****: 30**

Several local students were honored for their academic accomplishments. Holyoke Medical Center recognized 22 students in a special annual awards ceremony. The President and CEO of Holyoke Medical Center told 22News the hospital been passing out these achievement awards for the past 18 years. The students are happy that all their hard work appears to be paying off.

News**05/01/09****11pm****: 30**

Big changes are in store for grade-schoolers' in Ludlow. In a 3-2 vote, the Ludlow school committee approved a plan that will completely re-configure the elementary school system. Preschool, kindergarten and first grade classes will be held at the East Street School. Second and third graders will go to the Chapin Street School, and fourth and fifth graders will attend the Veterans Park School. In the past, each school was "K" through five. The move was designed to save money and prevent layoffs.

News**05/26/09****6pm****: 30**

With the high cost of education, getting a college degree in three years instead of the traditional four could mean saving thousands of dollars. Completing an undergraduate degree would save time and money but is it really something students want. Enjoying campus life is part of the college experience. 3 year degree programs are more popular in England than the United States; the big advantage is it shaves off a year of tuition costs. Western New England College at this point is not offering a three year undergraduate program. Critics of three year undergraduate programs believe it shortchanges student's academic and social experiences. Plus, such a program requires a student to go to school year round. While Western New England College doesn't have a formal program where students earn a bachelor's degree in three years, students can, and in fact have, earned degrees. They can by taking courses during the summer, and during school breaks.

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A group advocating for public colleges has filed a formal complaint against the state over use of stimulus money. The Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts or PHENOM has filed a complaint with the Obama administration. The group says Massachusetts is using money intended for higher education to pay down the budget deficit. At least one person 22News spoke with says the state should keep the money in the colleges.

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Some key policies and procedures will now be changing in the Springfield Public Schools. Tonight the school committee heard about four separate plans proposed by superintendent of schools Dr. Alan Ingram. And all but one of those changes was approved by the school committee. Dr. Ingram says the most notable change is something called a "pupil progression plan." It will identify everything a child should learn in every grade, with intervention strategies built-in, to help struggling students catch-up.

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Parents, students and educators will be evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the Springfield Schools. The survey is going to take a look at how the Springfield public schools are doing district wide. The survey will help the School Department in addressing where things within the district can be improved. The survey will cost \$89,000 and will be done by a New York company that specializes in this kind of work. Survey packets will be going home to parents this week for their input and opinions of what they'd like to see.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Environment during the 2nd quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/01/09 12pm : 30

A chemical reaction at a company in South Hadley forced the evacuation of employees from a part of the building. South Hadley Fire Department Captain Brian McClafin told 22News that two employees of InteliCoat on Gaylord Street were mixing chemicals into a 500 gallon drum when there was some type of reaction. Hazard materials crews were called to assess the situation. The area remains evacuated, but employees are able to work in other parts of the building. No one was injured.

News 04/06/09 5pm : 30

A Hampshire county plastics company, that has recently had a number of layoffs, is trying to get back on their feet saving money and going green. They are teaming up with a Baystate Energy company to save energy and save money. It's a win-win situation for both companies. Berry Plastics in Easthampton is turning more environmentally friendly by teaming up with EnerNoc, a Boston Energy company. The goal is to reduce energy, especially in the summer, to prevent blackouts by asking various companies like Berry Plastics, to limit the use of high powered production for about two hours a day.

News 04/15/09 5pm : 30

There was another massive water main break, this time water gushing down the streets of Agawam. Over a dozen businesses either forced to shut down for the day or operate with no water. A water main break on Walnut Street Extension in Agawam flooded the basement of Penfield Productions for the second time. In 1996 the same pipe broke leaving the production company with \$50,000 dollars in damage. In February a pipe burst on Granby Road in Chicopee, leaving homeowners with a toxic mess after sewage seeped into their basement. Last month, a water main break sent 5.5 million gallons of water cascading down Carew and Main Streets in Springfield. Most of the pipes have a lifespan of 50 to 100 years but it's not only age that plays a part. While water can destroy its surroundings in a matter of minutes these breaks can take months to fix, after two months construction is wrapping up on Granby road in Chicopee. Work continues in the North-end of Springfield with a road block redirecting traffic. No word on how long repairs will take on Walnut Street Extension in Agawam.

News 04/28/09 6pm : 30

It was another April day that felt much more like August. The forecast has been literally full of hot air for the past several days. Tuesday was the last in a four day run of temperatures in

the upper 80s and lower 90s in western Massachusetts. Hot, yes, heat wave, no. That's because a heat wave is defined as three or more days of at least 90 degree. We came close but didn't make the mark. Summertime heat and summertime headaches - sunburns were the most common complaint. But most were glad to get out and make the most of it. Highs in the mid 60s are typical this time of year. The surge of steamy weather rode in from the southwest. Gusty winds have delivered a midsummer time treat, only amplified by sunny skies. But back to reality, the 80s and 90s will be replaced by a more normal New England spring.

News **05/01/09** **6pm** **: 30**

A new Biomass power plant could bring jobs and electricity to Greenfield. While the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency has given initial thumbs up to the project some residents say the plant would sit too close for comfort. Here's the plan: to setup a biomass power plant in Greenfield, one that burns wood and wood waste products. Mayor Christine Forgey says the project will bring jobs, a million dollars in property taxes, and will even reuse some of the town's wastewater to cool the plant. David Barclay with the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association says it's a complex situation for environmental reasons. Mayor Forgey says that using clean wood waste from forest lands, not construction waste, is already part of the deal. John Roldan literally lives right across the road from Butternut Street near the industrial park. That's where the proposed site for the plant is. He's not only worried about pollution, but the noise from a plant. Roldan says he wants some answers, especially about traffic problems with 50 or more trucks a day bringing in fuel. He's hoping to bring those issues before the planning board next week, and the zoning board of appeals, the week after.

News **05/11/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

The federal government announced it's giving local communities stimulus funds to transform brown field sites into green and clean properties. The announcement came this morning in Holyoke at the former Mountain Road Firing Range where State and local leaders joined with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency to distribute grants, which will help clean up polluted sites. Just under two dozen grants funded by 7 million dollars, will revitalize former industrial and commercial sites.

News **06/02/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Northampton is home to a new eco-friendly housing development that's expected to cut energy costs. This is a perfect example of affordable living for those concerned about the environment. Hillside Place at Village Hill is Northampton's newest green community. Being green is becoming popular, but best feature is the cost savings. Renters with solar power will save anywhere from \$70 to \$130 on each electricity bill. Around here the average renter or homeowner is probably paying between \$100 to \$150 on their electric bill every month. That almost net zeros you out for the year. The installation itself was reasonable. A project with a price tag of about \$350,000, accomplished with far less than \$100,000 thanks to subsidies

and tax credits. In the next 25 years, those solar panels will keep one million pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.

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A local environmental organization calculates the true cost of our state's use of fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are associated with air pollution, water contamination and global warming. Yet, we have such a clear dependence on them. Environment Massachusetts released a report today that estimated how much money we spend on oil, gas, and coal. By 2030, the Bay state will use more than \$545 billion on these fossil fuels. In 20 years, state residents will likely pay 47% more to use them.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Health during the 2nd quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/28/09 11pm : 30

Two young siblings in Lowell are being tested for swine flu after they got sick during a vacation in Mexico. Health officials say they are awaiting results to find out whether the children in fact have the swine flu. There have been no confirmed cases yet in Massachusetts.

News 04/28/09 5:30pm : 30

McDonald's Fast Food Restaurants may actually be on the healthy list of where you can eat. We went behind the counter today to bring you a first hand look at what goes into your happy meal. For years, many believed fast food had this connotation of being very unhealthy, and to some extent it still is. But McDonald's has jumped on the health band wagon and says if with portion control, you can maintain a healthy lifestyle. We went behind the counter and took a first hand look at how most of McDonald's menu is made. We even went into the freezer and saw all their brand name ingredients from Kraft cheese, to Tyson chicken. All their oil has been changed over to canola oil with zero trans-fat, and we spoke with the owner, who says with the right serving size, he wants to put the misconception of unhealthy fast food to rest.

News 04/29/09 5pm : 30

22News has learned that at least two cases of the potentially deadly swine flu are now confirmed in the Baystate. The U.S. now has 91 confirmed cases of the new swine flu in 10 states, including here in Massachusetts, where two brothers from Lowell who became sick after a trip to Mexico have tested positive for swine flu. State health officials say the boys are ages 8 and 10, but no other information about them was released. Gov. Deval Patrick today urged the public not to overreact. He says the state is working to limit the spread of the illness. The governor says the state has 50,000 courses of anti-viral medication in state reserve, and 200,000 additional courses coming from the federal supply and he stressed the need to take basic precautions, such as hand-washing, covering your mouth if you cough, and staying home if you or your child is sick.

News 05/11/09 5pm : 30

There are now over 100 confirmed cases of swine flu in the Bay state. State health officials say they have confirmed 13 new swine flu cases today raising the total to 101 since the outbreak began last month. The state Public Health Department said five of the new cases

are in Worcester County, including one baby. There are no reports of any new confirmed cases in Western Massachusetts.

News **05/13/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

A new regulation will force restaurants to post calorie counts for their food, to let people know more about what their eating. The Massachusetts Public Health Council passed the regulation today that will require chain restaurants to show calorie info right on the menu next to the prices, but some resident's say they don't want to know. Now you'll be able to know exactly how many calories are in that burger, that sandwich, those fries, with a new regulation from the State Public Health Council. Starting at the end of next year chains with 20 or more restaurants will have to display how many calories are in its foods on its menus, or overhead boards. It's all in an effort to help people make healthy choices, without having to do research to find out. So will this eventually translate to smaller local restaurants? They say they're focusing on letting people know where their food is coming from. You still have some time to get some of the guilty pleasure foods before finding out how much they'll cost you in calories. The new regulation doesn't go into effect until November 2010.

News **05/20/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Twenty-two new cases of swine flu have been confirmed in Massachusetts, raising the total to 193. The state Public Health Department said today that two of the newly confirmed cases were hospitalized. Middlesex County has had the most confirmed swine flu cases in Massachusetts with 110. So far, only 8% of swine flu cases have required hospitalization. Also today, a fourth Boston-area school announced it was closing for a week after unusually high levels of influenza-like illnesses in recent days.

News **05/28/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Some are questioning the success of the state's landmark health care law. An Urban Institute survey suggests that the law's benefits are undermined by soaring costs and the recession. The group found that after initial gains in affordability many people are having trouble paying medical bills.

News **05/29/09** **5pm** **: 30**

There are 61 new cases of H1-N1 Virus better know as swine flu reported in the Bay state today. According to the state department of public health none of those new cases are in Western Massachusetts. The total of confirmed swine flu cases in the state now stands at 529. And about 6% of those cases required hospitalization. The highest number of cases has been reported in Middlesex County in the eastern part of the state with 217 confirmed cases. Only 6 cases have been confirmed in Western Mass.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Jobs during the 2nd quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/01/09 5pm : 30

The state's court system could take a major hit under the Governor's proposed budget for next year. The Governor's proposal cuts the trial courts budget by 4%. That proposed cut isn't sitting well with people involved with the court system. Governor Deval Patrick's proposed budget cuts funding to the state's trial courts by close to \$24-million dollars, a 4% funding cut that would eliminate up to 375 jobs. The courts in Springfield are among the busiest in the state. Springfield Attorney Henry Rigali, a former Hampden County and Federal prosecutor says major budget cuts to the courts would slow down the system.

News 04/03/09 5am : 30

The labor department is expected to release unemployment numbers. Unfortunately, we could see another record when unemployment numbers come out. The Labor Department will release the results for the month of March today, this as jobless claims hit a record for the 10th week in a row. The Department says initial claims for unemployment insurance rose to nearly 670,000. That total is above analysts' expectations and is the highest in more than 26 years, though the work force has grown by about half since then. The tally of laid-off workers claiming benefits for more than a week rose to 5.73 million.

News 04/10/09 11pm : 30

There is some positive news on the job front. New jobless claims fell more than expected last week to 654,000. However, the Labor Department says there is still a record number of people receiving unemployment benefits 5.84 million Americans. Career Point in Holyoke is seeing a steady flow of people applying for benefits. They're also seeing an increase in job postings.

News 04/13/09 12pm : 30

It's tough on the unemployed trying to find jobs, and even tougher for those over 45 years old. The Bureau of Labor Statistics show that any workers laid off and over 45 were out of work longer than younger workers. And the stats show more seasoned workers also show a bigger dip in earnings than younger ones. But there's a silver lining of sorts for those workers. Though overall unemployment is up, stats also show a lower unemployment rate among older workers.

News 04/13/09 6pm : 30

Pink slips are becoming more common at Bay State businesses. New surveys revealed about half of the companies polled are trimming their staff. The only good news from the survey is that most companies that reported layoffs said the cuts affected 25 or fewer workers. Associated Industries of Massachusetts says 46% of the 145 companies who answered the survey had conducted a layoff in recent months or were planning to do so. That is a believable figure considering all the local businesses that have handed out pink slips. National Nonwovens in Easthampton laid off 28 people, Hazen Paper in Holyoke let 15 workers go, slumping sales forced Micro Abrasives in Westfield to lay off 19 of its 50 employees, and upwards of 100 employees at Berry's Plastics in Easthampton are now collecting unemployment. The study found 86% of businesses had altered staffing plans, 55% had frozen salaries for 2009 and 42% had reduced work hours for remaining employees. All but 15% of the companies that responded said business had weakened since the recession began. And for those laid off workers finding a new job seems impossible. Executives said decisions on which employees to let go were based most often on job title, followed by performance and length of service.

News **04/14/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

It's an issue affecting all working class Americans. A new UMASS poll says one in four surveyed are worried about making their housing payments. Others surveyed worried about just paying the bills. All of this stems from peoples' fear of being handed pink slips in this shaky job market. Many working class citizens we spoke with are now working harder to keep their job because their biggest worry is their retirement.

News **04/15/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

A tough economy is leaving many young job-seekers worried that the "Summer Job" is a thing of the past. The stimulus package is sending hundreds of thousands of dollars to Franklin and Hampshire counties that will create 300 much needed jobs for high school and college students, and young adults struggling to find work. Young job seekers are looking for help wanted signs, but there's help on the way from the Economic Stimulus Package. Paul Putnam with the Franklin Hampshire Career center says \$850,000 is being sent to the Summer Youth Employment Program, 300 Minimum wage jobs for 14 to 24 year olds for July and August. Putnam says the youth population needs the help. Young residents getting their resume looking for a job, even just for the summer, say it's a relief that something is being done. You can pick up an application at your local high school guidance office, or stop by the Franklin Hampshire career center.

News **04/16/09** **6pm** **: 30**

While the state unemployment numbers are up, nationally it seems to be leveling off. The number of people applying for unemployment benefits has unexpectedly dropped. And that means there could be fewer job cuts nationwide. The Labor Department said that its jobless claims went from 663,000 to 610,000 in a week. Analysts expected the number to rise to 655,000.

News **04/20/09** **6pm** **: 30**

We have just learned of layoffs that were given at MassMutual this morning. MassMutual Media Coordinator Mark Cybulski told 22News they have laid off a total of 53 of its employees nationwide. Of those, fourteen of the employees who have lost their jobs are from MassMutual's Headquarter's office on State Street in Springfield. Cybulski told 22News the move was necessary to "compete effectively in this uncertain economic environment."

News **04/21/09** **6pm** **: 30**

Another Western Massachusetts car dealer calls it quits. Hampden Dodge, a Springfield fixture on upper State Street for nearly half a century will close its doors at the end of the month. General Manager, Mark Richi, blames the economy for the dealership's demise. Richi told 22News many long time customers are taking it hard.

News **04/30/09** **11pm** **: 30**

With the economy in a recession, and jobless rates at record highs the career center at Holyoke Community College has been extra busy lately. Richard Powers say he's seen interest in the school's degrees, certificate and short term training programs rise exponentially over the past 6 months. The career center at HCC is available to all HCC students and alums. The experts there step in to help not only when it's time to get a job, but also to help plan a path that could lead to that dream 'gig.'

News **05/04/09** **11pm** **: 30**

The Northampton Public School system is passing out pink slips. Northampton's Schools Superintendent told 22News 28 teachers have been notified they will not be returning next year. Superintendent Isabelina Rodriguez says the school department's facing a 3 million dollar budget gap, and the layoffs are unfortunate but necessary. She says the cuts were based on seniority, which put the newest teachers on the chopping block. One resident told 22News that when teachers are cut, students suffer.

News **05/04/09** **6pm** **: 30**

An East Longmeadow business is closing its doors. Cable and Wire products maker, "Coleman Cable" will shut down later this month. Human Resources Manager Paula Moreau told 22News seventy people will be out of a job by May 15th. This business has been around since 1985 under another name, Spectrum Wire. Coleman Cable purchased this company in 2001. Local residents worry about the lost tax revenue.

News **05/11/09** **11pm** **: 30**

Shrinking paychecks are on the rise. Many people are taking home smaller paychecks, as employers cut back their hours. The average work week in April hovered at 33.2 hours,

matching the record low set in March. One local resident told 22News he's logging fewer hours, and his paycheck is suffering.

News **05/15/09** **11pm** **: 30**

After more than 50 years, a local furniture store will close its doors. The owner of Country Squire Furniture store in Agawam told 22News she's decided to retire, and will be closing up shop. Martha Leary Trevallion says the closure is a personal choice, not a forced financial decision. She says she's not selling the building, and hopes to lease the space to another business. Local residents say it won't be the same.

News **05/15/09** **6pm** **: 30**

Hundreds of teachers and school employees in Palmer got pink slips along with their paychecks today. The president of the palmer teacher's association told 22News all of the teachers, para-professionals, and aids in the school district got layoff notices today. Martin Deren says the school administration is facing a huge budget gap and that layoffs are inevitable, but they're not sure how many teachers they will be forced to lay off, or who they will need to let go. Deren says the layoff notices are contractual obligation of the teacher's union, and that many of these teachers and staff members will be given layoff recall notices as soon as the town passes the budget. Martin Deren told 22News the town is required to pass the budget by June 30th.

News **05/21/09** **11pm** **: 30**

A local career fair attracted 1,000 job seekers. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Springfield held its annual job fair today. More than 30 employers participated in the event. Some were even hiring on the spot. The career fair coordinator says the economy kept a handful of employers from taking part in this year's event. One job seeker told 22News, it's a challenging job market.

News **05/22/09** **11pm** **: 30**

MassMutual's passing out more pink slips. A MassMutual financial group Spokesman told 22News the company laid off 58 employees. Mark Cybulski says 10 of the jobs cut are from the company's Springfield office, 44 are from Enfield, and the remaining four are from other parts of the country. Cybulski told 22News the restructuring of MassMutual's Retirement Income Department led to the layoffs.

News **05/22/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Unemployment numbers are up in the Baystate. The jobless rate jumped to 8% last month with more than 12,000 jobs lost. Nationally, April unemployment rose to 8.9%. One local career center has seen a steady line of people looking for work.

News **06/15/09** **6pm** **: 30**

Normally, there are a lot of hospitality jobs available this time of year. But this summer, those positions are few and far between. About a dozen unemployed workers were job hunting at Career Point in Holyoke today. One of the directors told 22News there's at least one field of work where they're hiring; in the health services field there seems to be a desire to find people for entry level positions in this field. There are also training programs for the health service industry. Delphin urges job seeking teens to call the New England Farm Workers Council. Apparently, stimulus money has opened up more jobs for young people.

News **06/18/09** **6pm** **: 30**

The unemployment rate is up even though the state added almost 5-thousand jobs last month. This is the first such increase in a year. The Bay State is doing better than much of the rest of the country; the state rate is at 8.2% lower than the national rate of 9.4%. This is the highest national unemployment rate since August of 1983.

News **06/19/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

As the unemployment rate continues to rise in Massachusetts, more jobless residents are trying to figure out how to survive. The two workers we spoke to were shocked when they lost their job, while they're not alone. The unemployment rate in Massachusetts rate has increased to 8.2%. Clinical and Support Options is letting go of a handful of employees at the end of the month. Debbie Messier and Margaret Pyfrom are part of that. They say they're looking for part time work, and looking into more schooling. They say the hardest part is that our current system is not set up to deal with long-term unemployment, especially those who have a mortgage.

News **06/24/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Connecticut-based Pratt & Whitney is cutting 220 salaried jobs as part of a company-wide restructuring. The aircraft engine maker says the cuts represent less than 1% of their workforce. More than 3 quarters of the jobs cut are in Connecticut. Pratt's parent company, United Technologies, says they want to cut 5% of their global workforce.

News **06/24/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

The state contends there were job gains in the Springfield area, and tells us that some are challenging that assessment. The state office of Labor and Workforce Development reports that the Springfield and Pittsfield area in May saw the biggest increase in jobs over the month before. At Future Works, a job center in Springfield, people go there to look for work. Kevin Lynn, of Future Works told 22News that he has not seen an increase of new jobs being listed at his center especially last month. He does not agree with those figures the state is giving out. If there were job increases in the Springfield area in May, he believes they were in certain areas.

News **06/25/09** **11pm** **: 30**

Tight money has more people finding second and even third jobs. While unemployment is nearing historic highs, 22News had no problem finding people who work extra hours. Although there are people whose priorities extend beyond making extra money.

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Local career centers are still seeing a drop in the number of job postings they're able to point their customers to. Companies, hesitant to hire are making that job search difficult, but career centers say there could be good news on the horizon. Rexene Picard with Future Works in Springfield says they've seen 60% less job postings this year, compared to last year, but there is good news. Massachusetts added almost 5,000 jobs last month, and they're looking for future growth in Health care. According to Ben Craft with Baystate Health, they expected to hire 18,500 people over the next decade. That estimate made two years ago doesn't include the current economic situation, but it may still be close. Training being the key to many of those jobs out there.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Smoking during the 2nd quarter of 2009. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/01/09 6pm : 30

It's costing smokers 62 cents more to buy a pack of cigarettes. That's because the federal tobacco tax increase takes effect today. If you're looking to quit, the American Cancer Society recommends talking to your doctor about what medicines could be right for you. Set a quit date and plan ahead to help deal with cravings. One Holyoke Medical Center physician says there's no success without will power.

News 04/02/09 5am : 30

In consumer news today, cigarette smokers aren't the only ones burning up about the tobacco tax hike. Stogie smokers also say they're being hurt by the new tax on tobacco. The federal tax goes from five cents to 40 on large cigars, a little less on smaller ones. And cigar makers say jobs and profits will go up in smoke. The new law was signed into law by President Obama about two months ago.

News 04/02/09 6pm : 30

Some smokers say they're concerned that the federal government may start regulating tobacco products. The House has approved legislation that for the first time that would give the Food and Drug Administration the power to regulate things like cigarettes. If the bill passes, the FDA will be able to regulate ingredients, ban flavoring, but not ban cigarettes. Smokers are wary concerned there might be more barriers to smoking. They say they've recently been hit hard by taxes.

News 04/13/09 5pm : 30

New England states are being criticized for not living up to their promise of using money from the tobacco settlement for prevention programs. A report by The American Cancer Society says New England states will only spend 2.3 percent of the 1.8 billion dollars in tobacco settlement money on prevention programs this year. The issue could affect programs sponsored by the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, and American Heart Association.

News 04/14/09 6pm : 30

Monday's fire has sparked a conversation among those living at the Meadowbrook apartment complex, whether or not the buildings should be smoke free. Northampton Deputy Fire Chief Tim McQueston told 22News a lit cigarette thrown in the trash might've caused this massive

blaze that left twenty-one people homeless. Smokers who live in the complex had mixed opinions on the non-smoking idea.

News **04/28/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Cigarettes are still selling despite the higher prices smokers are paying for them. Tobacco manufacturer, the maker of Newport Cigarettes, saw profits rise nearly 6% in the first quarter of the year, that despite the higher prices smokers are paying. Those first quarter sales were before a federal excise tax went into effect on April 1st. The owner of Goodies Convenience store in Agawam says the next quarter may not be as good for manufacturers.

News **05/18/09** **5pm** **: 30**

It may be riskier on the lungs to smoke cigarettes today than it was a few decades ago at least in the U.S. New research suggests changes in cigarette design may fuel a certain type of lung cancer. While the nation's total lung cancer cases have inched down as the number of smokers has dropped in recent years, the study suggests an individual smoker's risk of getting cancer is higher.

News **06/15/09** **5pm** **: 30**

Congress has passed historic anti-smoking legislation. For the first time, the measure will give the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate tobacco products. Smoking ads will no longer be allowed near schools; and except for menthol, no more special tobacco flavors. Cigarette makers will not be able to sponsor entertainment or sporting events; and those warning labels on the packs will have to get bigger.

News **06/16/09** **5:30pm** **: 30**

If some state lawmakers get their way, smokers will have to go the distance, or at least "keep" their distance to light up. By go the distances, we mean 25-feet. Under this measure, people would have to be that far from a building's entrance to smoke. State lawmakers are considering a bill to reduce people's exposure to second-hand smoke. The measure bans smoking within 25-feet of building windows and entrances. Some say it's long overdue. But others, especially smokers, feel they've already been targeted enough. Some critics argue the measure could be tough on businesses whose windows and entrances are clustered together. According to the American Lung Association, nearly 50,000 non-smokers die every year from lung cancer or heart disease as a direct result of second-hand smoke.